

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2209
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OPERATION OF VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Vande Bharat trains operational in the country, the details thereof, zone-wise;
- (b) the benefits noted by Government in increasing the number and frequency of Vande Bharat trains, the details thereof, category wise, zone-wise; and
- (c) the number of passengers who travelled in Vande Bharat trains and the number of Vande Bharat trains which are running at full passenger capacity currently and the average difference in fare between Vande Bharat trains and existing Express trains, the details thereof, zone-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b) With a view to provide better travel experience and improved safety, 136 Vande Bharat services have been introduced on the Indian Railways(IR) network. Of these 8 services are owned by Central Railway, 6 services by East Coast Railway, 6 services by East Central Railway, 6 services by Eastern Railway, 2 services by North Central Railway, 4 services by North Eastern Railway, 4 services by Northeast Frontier Railway, 22 services by Northern Railway, 8 services by North Western Railway, 8 services by South Central Railway, 4 services by South East Central Railway, 16 services by South Eastern Railway, 20 services by Southern Railway, 10 services by South Western Railway, 4 services by West Central Railway and 8 services by Western Railway.

(c) Indian Railways caters to various segments of the travelling public and, accordingly, operates different types of train services like Suburban/Non-suburban ordinary train services, Mail/Express, Amrit Bharat, Vande Bharat, Humsafar, Antyodaya, Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto, Yuva and Garib Rath services etc. The fare of these trains varies as per the class and the distance of travel. The total number of passengers who travelled in Vande Bharat Express trains in FY 2024-25 (upto October, 2024) is 1,57,57,816. The overall occupancy of Vande Bharat Express trains during 2024-25 (upto October, 2024) is more than 100%.
